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President's Pen

State Lobby Day in Richmond last February provided our branch attendees with a significant opportunity on several fronts. The day began with state legislators informing us about new bills that they thought were germane to our mission. We later met with the Governor and the Lt. Governor to discuss our concerns about with laws regarding human trafficking. Overall it was quite an experience.

Next up on our branch radar screen for March is a program focused on women's reproductive rights. Hopefully it will not be postponed due to snow! Be sure to check the website and calendar for details. The program on Memory was cancelled but we expect it to be rescheduled.

The April 18-19 state conference in Charlottesville will be very interesting and informative. There is a robust program that includes topics of great interest to our branch, e.g., human trafficking and prevention of college domestic violence. This is an event not to be missed so be sure to get your registration in by March 27 to receive the reduced rate. Here again all the details are on the website.

There is exciting news about an upcoming membership drive to be held in Ashburn area on April 11. There are several factors that are leading us to expand our footprint into Ashburn and Sterling. Currently AAUW does not have a branch presence in Loudoun. Several of our current members either live in Ashburn or are moving there this year. Additionally we have a relationship with Northern Virginia Community College (NVCC) - Loudoun Campus in that we will be awarding a scholarship to an NVCC student and will be providing volunteer support for STEM events in connection with SySTEMic Solutions. If you know any Sterling or Ashburn residents who are interested in learning more about AAUW, please be sure they know about the event. Details will be posted on the website, calendar and Facebook page.

Once again, we urge our members to consider accepting a few branch leadership positions remaining to be filled for next year. We are in need of leaders for VP-Programs and VP-Communications. Each position is rewarding and fun plus they provide the opportunity to meet our great members. Please contact Roberta Sherman at shermanrs1@aol.com at your earliest convenience to discuss where you can put your skills to good use.

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March Program - Women’s Economic Agenda & Protecting Women’s reproductive Rights

The March program will be a presentation by Gretchen Borchelt of the National Women’s Law Center, a DC non-profit founded in 1972. The mission of the NWLC is to protect and advance the progress of women and girls. Ms. Borchelt will speak about NWLC’s efforts to develop an overarching women’s economic agenda as well as its efforts to promote policies that advance and protect women’s reproductive rights.

Following the presentation, we will enjoy lunch at Kalypso Restaurant at Lake Anne. Lunch will include a choice of entrée, beverage, and dessert at a cost of \$17 including tax and gratuity. Payment will be collected at the door (check made out to Kalypso’s Tavern or the exact change.) For details please refer to the branch website. Please RSVP on the Evite which was emailed to all members and please remember to indicate your luncheon choice. As always, guests are welcome.

For those who still want to contribute bedding, towels, or kitchen items to Shelter House, bring them to the event and Mary Shaeffer will see that they get to the proper destination.

And...there will be a date announced shortly for the re-scheduled presentation on Memory.

Mini-News

- Our branch is researching ways in which we can foster voter registration and support of League of Women Voters’ Meet & Greets this coming fall. Look for information over the next few months.
- Read the Winter/Spring Issue of *Vision* online www.restonherndon-va.aauw.org
- When accessing our website, note that the password is VA3035.



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**Calendar of Events**

For the latest information and event details about upcoming activities, please consult the Calendar of Events on the website <http://restonherndon-va.aauw.net/>

This month-by-month calendar is at:

<http://restonherndon-va.aauw.net/calendar-of-events/>

OR

Consult the briefer, *PRINTABLE*:

<http://restonherndon-va.aauw.net/year-at-a-glance/>

Just copy and paste the any of these urls into your browser to locate the pages.

Month	Date	Time	Event
Mar	14	11:00 a.m.	Branch Program - Presentation on Women's Reproductive Rights
	18	7:00 p.m.	Great Decisions
	25	2:15 p.m.	Book Group - "Rocket Girl"
	26	7:00 p.m.	Book Group - "Rocket Girl"
Apr	15	11:00 a.m.	Scholarship Fund Raiser – Café Montmartre
		7:00 a.m.	Great Decisions
	17	10:30a.m.	DAR Museum Tour – Early Quilts of Maryland & Virginia
	18-19		State Conference - Charlottesville
	22	2:15 p.m.	Book Group - "The Orphan Train"
	23	7:00 p.m.	Book Group - "The Orphan Train"
May	7		Federal Lobby Day (tentative)
	20	7:00 p.m.	Great Decisions
	21	TBA	Annual Picnic
	27	2:15 p.m.	Book Group - "The Art of Hearing Heartbeats"
	28	7:00 p.m.	Book Group - "The Art of Hearing Heartbeats"
